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**Event:           Sentencing**

**Defendant:   Robert Bowman Wright, 46, of Detroit**

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Robert Bowman Wright, 46, of Detroit, was sentenced today by United States District Chief Judge Bernard A. Friedman to serve six months in a community corrections center and three years of supervised release, and to pay restitution of \$44,000 to the U.S. Postal Service as a result of his conviction for making a false statement in connection with the receipt of federal workers' compensation benefits, announced U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Murphy.

Mr. Wright pled guilty to making false statements about his ability to return to work at the Postal Service following an automobile accident. Mr. Wright admitted that his condition had improved enough for him to return to work, but that he opted instead to continue receiving disability benefits rather than return to work. This admission came after video surveillance of Mr. Wright established that he could engage in activities inconsistent with his stated disabilities.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Friedman noted that he wanted to send a message of deterrence against this type of criminal activity.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Gorland. Mr.

Murphy commended the U.S. Postal Service and the Department of Labor for their investigation of this case which led to the successful prosecution of Mr. Wright.